

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF THE TREASURER

Pursuant to an Annual Town Meeting held on May 23rd, 2023, the following Ordinance was adopted:

Whereas: The Town of Chester wishes to alter its process for selection of its Treasurer by making it an appointed rather than elected position, and

Whereas: The change will provide a more effective method to ensure that the Town of Chester has the optimum mechanism at its disposal to ensure this office will be filled by a highly qualified individual in a timely fashion, and

Whereas: Sections 9-185 and 9-189 of the Connecticut General Statutes permit a municipality whose legislative body is a Town Meeting to authorize appointment of a Treasurer, include provisions for the appointment procedure, and specify the term of appointment

Now, Therefore: Be it ordained by the Town of Chester, in Town meeting convened, that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a Treasurer, and,

Be it further ordained that the Board of Selectmen shall appoint said Treasurer to serve until the next municipal general election and, thereafter, to serve for a term of two (2) years commencing with the municipal general election of November 2023 and at the same two (2) year intervals thereafter, and,

Be it further ordained that the Board of Selectmen shall make this appointment at its first regularly scheduled meeting following the effective date of this ordinance.

Be it further ordained, that following the aforementioned November 2023 municipal election, the Treasurer's term shall commence on the third Tuesday of November and,

Be it further ordained that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized and empowered to: establish the job description, qualifications, terms and conditions of employment (inclusive of wages and hours), discipline or terminate the Treasurer, and,

Be it further ordained that the right to reappoint or not reappoint the Treasurer or to fill a mid-term vacancy is reserved exclusively to the Board of Selectmen pursuant to town policies and state statutes as they may be amended from time to time; and,

Be it further ordained that any previously adopted ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions hereof shall be deemed to have been repealed to the extent necessary to give effect to the foregoing.

This ordinance shall become effective upon publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Chester.

This ordinance was published in the Valley Courier on June 1, 2023.